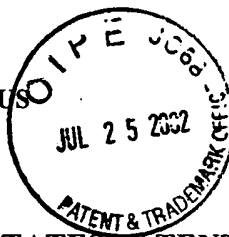


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the February 25, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before July 25, 2002. A check in the amount of \$400.00 (Check #13488) is enclosed to cover the fee for the extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 19721-007). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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